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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Dry Silver Enlarger/Reader/Printer

25X1 1. In keeping with NPIC policy of project coordination within the intelligence community, a Dry Silver briefing was presented in 1967 by the [ ] facilities to a selected group of representatives from the community. As a result of this presentation, the Naval Air Systems Command went into contract with the [ ] in 1968 for the development of an enlarger/reader/printer designed for shipboard use; i.e., vibration isolation, modular construction to allow passage through shipboard water tight hatches, etc. This project was monitored by the Navy Photographic Center as well as Naval Reconnaissance and Technical Support Center and was a "duel" project. Additionally, the undersigned kept in touch with the project as it progressed until the final delivery to the U.S. Navy. At this time, a group of interested NPIC personnel, mainly from IEG and PSG, was assembled and visited the NPC T&E facility for a demonstration and briefing on this equipment. (Note--The IAS representative was preempted by a higher priority briefing.) The comments of the attending personnel with reference to the performance of the equipment were generally very favorable.

2. It was apparent in the early stages of this development that the project was going to be quite successful and that NPIC has requirements that this equipment could fulfill. Therefore, an NPIC developed Enlarger/Reader/Printer was programmed into the FY-1970 Development Budget. It is expected that proposals for the development of this item will be received within the next few weeks. Proposals for both a "Chinese Copy" and a modified version to accept 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide roll film are expected. The actual development route will be selected by NPIC personnel, after reviewing the Center requirements and the cost differences.

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